

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Two score and no years ago on July 31, a baby boomer girl child, later christened Mardell Jean, was born--a red letter event which would be heralded with hilarity and guffaws four decades later; and,

WHEREAS, Over two decades ago, Marty shook Okaton's dust from her sandals and traveled to Pierre to join the ranks of state employees as a stenographer, earning the princely sum of \$289 a month at the Department of Public Instruction; and,

WHEREAS, Marty's fiscal acumen quickly pointed out to her that financial independence would not be hers at that rate, and she soon positioned herself to get her hands on the money and power to be had in state government; and,

WHEREAS, Marty Davis has demonstrated her prowess as a fiscal officer again and again for two governors, earning her a super-hero image with her co-workers who contend she can get a budget through the Appropriations Committee faster than a speeding bullet, believe her to be more powerful than a locomotive in preparing travel vouchers and payroll checks, and claim to have actually witnessed her leap tall stacks of bills in a single bound; and,

WHEREAS, Marty will be trying valiantly (but failing) to ignore her FORTIETH birthday, an occasion which will signal her middle-age status to the world at large, and her co-workers and family in particular; and,

WHEREAS, Marty's husband, Butch, and her son, Robert, will equally be trying valiantly to alert the entire globe of her new status as a member of the Geritol set, complete with lap robes, rocking chairs, and yes, poligrip; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to make public note of this momentous occasion in the life of a loyal citizen and employee, especially during the Centennial--coincidentally Marty's next goal:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 1989, as

MARTY DAVIS DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all of Marty's many friends and relatives to make light of her predicament as a member in good standing of the Over-the-Hill Gang.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eighth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE